NEWELL OF LICHFIELD, STAFFS

ARMS:

CREST:

George Newell of Lichfield, Staffs c1607-
chn: George Newell c 16 Nov 1637 Lichfield St Mary below

George Newell of Lichfield, Staffs gentleman 1637-
c 16 Nov 1637 Lichfield St Mary
(the elder of Lichfield bridle-cutter)
(as senior gentleman, a Lichfield Land Tax Commissioner) *1702
chn: George Newell c 3 Jul 1662 Lichfield St Mary below

George Newell of Lichfield, Staffs 1662
c 3 Jul 1662 Lichfield St Mary
m 18 Oct 1682 Lichfield Cathedral: Ann Watson
chn: John Newell b c1688; (aged 17, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford)
28 Jun 1705; (B.C.L.) 1712

George Newell (Chancellor of Lincoln) c1654-1741
[? b & c 18 Apr 1654 Westminster St Clement Danes son of John Newell and Rebecca
(-----)

m Prudence Rowe; d 1747; M.I. (Ilam)
d *aged 87*[sic] 19 Sep 1741 [GENT.MAG]; M.I. (Ilam)

(Official to the Archdeacon of Leicester)
- (admitted) 7 Sep 1700
(Vicar General, Lincoln)
- (admitted) 24 May 1708
(Official to the Archdeacon of Stow)
- (appointed) 28 Apr 1719
(Official to the Archdeacon of Lincoln)
- (appointed) 21 Feb 1723
(Chancellor, Diocese of Lincoln)

George Newell of Ilam and Windlehill c1670-1741

Rowe Newell c 5 Jun 1700 Lichfield St Mary below
George Newell c 21 Nov 1705 Lichfield St Mary below
Frances Newell c 28 Jul 1707 Lichfield St Mary below
[?] Prudence Newell d 1739

Burslem Sparrow of Wolverhampton, Staffs ironmaster 1703-....
c 16 Mar 1702.3 Wolstanton *son of George Sparrow of Wolverhampton, Staffs gentleman c1669-1741 and Ann (.....)*
m Frances Newell dau of **George Newell (Chancellor of Lincoln) c1654-1741**;
d *aged 53* 25 Sep 1760; i Wolverhampton St Peter; M.I. [below]

Rowe Newell LATER Port of Ilam, Staffs 1700-1749
c 5 Jun 1700 Lichfield St Mary
m Ann Bowyer 3rd dau and coheir of Sir William Bowyer of Knypersley in Biddulph, Staffs 4th Baronet 1654-1702 **[SLG]**; (but had no chn); c 15 Dec 1687 .....; m1 11 Jul 1706 -----: Sir Thomas Bellot of Moreton, Cheshire 3rd Baronet p1678-1709 [SLG]; d 26 Jul 1754; i Biddulph
d 1749; M.I. (Ilam)
(admitted scholar at Trinity Hall, Cambrdge) 5 Jan 1719.20 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1718.9
(LL.B.) 1723
(admitted at Lincoln's Inn) 24 Oct 1724
(was devised Ilam by Catherine Port 1685-a1725)
(assumed the name and arms of Port by Royal Licence) 1747

George Newell LATER Port of Ilam, Staffs Esquire 1705-1769
c 21 Nov 1705 Lichfield St Mary
d 1769; M.I. (Ilam); Will *of Ilam* (PCC) 6 Nov 1764 & 17 May 1769/29 Mar 1770 *lands at Ilam, Blore and Croxden, Staffs and Balidon, Derbys to ....*

Frances Newell 1707
c 28 Jul 1707 Lichfield St Mary
m Burslem Sparrow of Wolverhampton, Staffs ironmaster 1703-....
d *aged 53* 25 Sep 1760; i Wolverhampton St Peter; M.I. [below]

NOTES:

Newell, [male] (as Mr, 2 hearths, Uttoxeter) 1666 HT

that her maternal grandfather was of Welsh origin.1 Augusta's mother, Georgina Mary Ann Port,2 was the daughter of John Sparrow, who took the name of Port on succeeding to his uncle's beautiful estate of Ilam, in North Staffordshire.3 Mrs. Waddington, who had been brought up by her great-aunt, Mrs. Delany,4 had the deepest reverence and affection for that charming and gifted lady, but she had an even greater pride in her descent from that gallant Cavalier, Bevil

1 See: The Autobiography and Correspondence of Mary Granville, Mrs. Delany, edited by Lady Llanover, Six Volumes, 1861-2, Vol. IV, p. 58, (note) 'The Sparrows originally belonged to North Wales'. Also Vol. IV, p. 312 (note): 'Mr. Port of Ham, who married Miss Dewes, succeeded to the Ham estates through his mother, and consequently took the name of Port instead of his paternal name of Sparrow, which was of Welsh origin'. See also Annals and Antiquities of the Counties and County Families of Wales, by Thomas Nicholas, published 1875, Vol. II p. 781 (information supplied by Lady Llanover): 'The Sparrows were originally Welsh of Allt yr Ynys, in North Wales (see Angl. Sheriffs, 1689 &c.)'; and Vol. I, Anglesey, pp. 33-4, with a list of Sheriffs of

Anglesey including: Henry Sparrow of Beaumaris, High Sheriff 1687
John Sparrow of Beaumaris 1708
Bodychen Sparrow of Bodychen,, 1753
Henry Sparrow of Red Hill 1773
William Wynne Sparrow of Tynewydd 1822.

2 For details of Mrs. Waddington's ancestry, see genealogies of the Granville and D'Ewes families, 'The Waddington's of Llanover' pp. 290-5 (see p. 305, note 2).

3 In spite of numerous attempts to do so, it has so far proved impossible to confirm Lady Llanover's repeated assertion that John Sparrow was descended from the North Wales family. Mr. Idris Davies, Clerk of the County Council of Anglesey, informs me that he is unable to trace a John Sparrow of Allt yr Ynys, and cannot even confirm that this house was in Anglesey. Mr. E. Gwynne Jones, the Librarian of the University College of North Wales, Bangor, also informs me he has been unable to trace any mention of a John Sparrow (later Port) in J. E. Griffith's Pedigrees of Anglesey and Caernarvonshire Families, or any Allt-yr-Ynys in North Wales, but adds 'unless, of course, it could be the original Welsh name of 'Red Hill', Beaumaris, the ancestral home of the Sparrows of Anglesey. On the other hand, I must confess that I have never seen the place referred to in any of the records other than as "Red Hill"

Nothing I have found mentions the Sparrows originating in Wales'.

Further, Miss M. Wight of Hereford, wrote to me as follows: 'Most of my family are Sparrows and I have here a pedigree which shows John Port descended (as I am!) from a Sparrow of Audley, Staffs, living in 1450.

His (John Port's) father, Burslem Sparrow, was like most of the family an iron master; he is recorded as buying steam engines from Coalbrookdale, 1728-36. He married the heiress of the Ports. Ilam later came to the Hanburys, also my relations. I have been there; most of the big house that Mr. Hanbury built is demolished and the rest a Youth Hostel or such'. In a later letter she replied to my account of the Anglesey Sparrows: 'I am very much interested to hear of the Anglesey Sparrows; I think it is just possible that Lady Llanover with her Welsh connections knew them or of them and might naturally conclude that they were the same family as those that became Port, and they may well have been in the long run. There is another large family of them in east Anglia, they have no visible connection with us but have the same coat of arms my MS pedigree says 'Burslem Sparrow b. at Wolstanton 1701, of the Park Sedgeley, married at Christ Church, Oxford, Frances Newell, heiress of the Ports' and their son is John Port of Ilam.'

No further evidence has yet come to light, on either side of the question, and the present author would be glad to hear from anyone who is in a position to elucidate it further.

4 Mary Granville, 1700-88, married istly: Alexander Pendarves of Roscrow, Cornwall; 2ndly: Patrick Delany, D.D., Dean of Down. See Granville Genealogy (note 2 above).